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Oct. 2010 Minutes

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
OCTOBER 10, 2010 MEETING

SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Sarah Conn, Shelly Dein, David Haas, Elizabeth Karpati, Ryan Katofsky, Gail McCormick, Charlotte Milan, Bruce Moulton, Scott Samenfeld, Colleen Spindler-Renta, Brian Woehler, Michael Wolfson. **Facilitator:** Charlotte Milan
Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: Thurs. Nov. 18, Wed. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

Coming Events:

- Thursday, 10/21, 7 – 9 p.m.: “Windows on Water” presented by SA at Senior Center.
- Saturday, 10/23: Energy Fair with wind turbine at Medford Middle School.
- Sunday, 10/24: MCAN conference in Worcester. Several SA members will carpool.
- November 6-7: Renewable Energy Fair at Museum of Science.
- November 9-10: Conference on sea level rise at Aquarium.

Miscellaneous:

- The **minutes** of the September meeting were accepted as presented.
- Shelly reported on a recent Mass. Dept. of Energy Resources event on **plug-in hybrid vehicles**. Emissions are more easily controlled at a single source (power plant) than from thousands of tailpipes, but charging stations would be needed. The state has issued an RFP for providing them. Green Communities would have priority. The state has \$200,000 available from a settlement with a polluting utility.
- **Town Day** went well, SA had displays on “Windows on Water” and the Oct. 1 Green Buildings open house.
- The **10-10-10** event was tire pressure checking held at the Global service station on Mass. Ave., which provided the equipment.
- **Bus shelters:** The Selectmen are ready to open negotiations with Cemusa for 9 or 10 shelters on Mass. Ave. They think the support of SA was helpful.
- The Town’s fiscal problems will probably lead to putting an override and PAYT, a.k.a. **SMART**, on next year’s ballot. Ryan read a draft statement in support of SMART, which was accepted by the meeting but won’t be publicized until after the Nov. 2 elections.

SA can also help promote SMART by researching the experience of towns which are already using it, to find out if any problems (e.g. dumping) arose and how they are being handled. Volunteers are needed; research needs to be done between November and January.

- We need to talk to our state representatives about the problems caused by restrictions on e-mail communication in the new **Open Meeting law**.

Nominations for elections in December:

- Officers: Co-chairs – Charlotte Milan and Gail McCormick; Secretary – Elizabeth Karpati. (No Treasurer since we have no money; should we elect one anyway?)
- Permanent committee chairs: Outreach – Brucie Moulton; Website – Scott Samenfeld.
- Liaisons: Energy Working Group – Ryan Katofsky and Shelly Dein; MCAN – Deanne Dupont; Vision 2020 – rotating. Yahoo list moderator: David Landskov.
- Steering committee consists of officers and permanent committee chairs, can speak for SA e.g. on questions of supporting a policy.